Sl. No.	Name of the company	Whether created by an Act of Parliament or not	Name of the Act
			"Aluminium Corporation of India (Acquisition & Transfer) Act, 1984"
IV.	**Transaction Completed pending approval from BIFR.**		
44.	ICVL, Palakad*.	No.	

*Subsidiaries of the Public Sector Undertakings.

**Joint Venture Companies of ITDC.

Payment by WLL Operators for Unified License

*160. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the computation of amounts to be paid by WLL operators to acquire a 'unified license' is arrived at;

(b) whether the difference in bidding prices and penal interest on default period is adequate to capture the delinquency in defaulting on license conditions;

(c) whether such a method of computation is consistent with contemporary international practices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Based upon the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory of India (TRAI), the prescribed entry fee for Basic Service Operator {with or without Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) facility} for migration to Unified Access Services Licence (UASL) in a service area is equal to the entry fee paid by the fourth Cellular Operator for that service area, or the entry fee paid by the Basic Service Operator (BSO) itself, whichever is higher. While applying for migration to UASL, the BSO is required to pay the difference between the said entry fee for UASL and the entry fee paid by it.

No additional entry fee is required to be paid by the existing BSO in circles in which no fourth Cellular Mobile Service Provider had bid despite repeated attempts.

Where the Basic Service Licensees had provided the following features/facilities to their subscribers:

(i) Over the air activation/authentication of the subscriber wireless access terminal outside one SDCA by pressing/punching certain keys/number such as *444N;

(ii) Use of the same subscriber wireless access terminal in more than one SDCA;

(iii) Multiple registration or temporary subscription facilities in more than one SDCA using the same subscriber terminal in wireless access systems.

As a penal measure, in such cases of migration to Unified Access Services Licence, it has been stipulated that the Basic Service Licensee shall, in addition to the Entry Fee based on the principles stated above, pay a penal interest @5% above Prime Lending Rate (PLR) of State Bank of India prevalent on the day the payment became due, *i.e.* the date of singing of the Licence Agreement. This amount shall be paid from the date they signed the Basic Service Licence Agreement till the date on which they pay the amount upon migration to the UASL. The interest shall be compounded monthly and a part of the month shall be reckoned as a full month for the purposes of calculation of interest.

The service providers migrating to Unified Access Services Licence will continue to provide wireless services in already allocated/contracted spectrum and no additional spectrum will be allotted under the migration process for Unified Access Services Licence.

The Government has accepted the expert view of the independent regular *i.e.* TRAI in this matter which is based on Regulator's own analysis and terms and conditions of the licence. As per available information, there is no standard international practice in this regard. While dealing with such cases, normally Government gives due weightage to the views of the Regulator.